

INSURANCE RATES

One Agent Denies That They Will be Raised.

Are High Enough Now—Efficient Fire Department Reduces Danger.

The reported increase in the insurance rates in Honolulu is disputed by Henrich Lose, resident agent of the New Zealand Insurance Company. In speaking of the article which appeared in an afternoon paper, he said:

"Let me say that so far as Honolulu ratings are concerned, the San Francisco Board of Underwriters has neither the direct control of nor the dictating of rates here. Honolulu, fortunately, has its own harmonious board, and I think I voice the opinion of the majority of its members when I say that current rates are excessive, and, notwithstanding the article referred to, they should, and I trust will, eventually, be lowered.

"Our Fire Department has grown very efficient, besides, the water supply of Honolulu is becoming more and more abundant. Owing to these facts, I venture to say that Honolulu rates, instead of 'going up,' will be materially decreased in due course.

"The article in the Star, in the face of existing exorbitant rates, causes no little uneasiness among property owners, but let me assure you that I, for one, will be willing to take risks on buildings and contents at the low rates."

"The insurance rates in Honolulu were adjusted several years ago, and the rates increased slightly in certain sections of the city. With the efficient Fire Department, it is doubtful if residents in the city will stand another increase.

Pacific Sugar Fleet.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—The Golden Gate was one of the busiest ports in the United States yesterday. A dozen coasters and steam vessels made port and six sugar boats got in from Hawaii, while a number of vessels came in from Australia and South Sea Island ports.

All the vessels from Hawaii made quick passages. The Santiago made the quickest run of the fleet, arriving here last Thursday night in the fast time of fourteen days. The bark S. C. Allen made the run from Honolulu in sixteen days, and the barkentine Painter from Kahului in sixteen days, while the barkentine George C. Perkins took twenty days to come from Mahukona, the Metha Nelson nineteen days to come from Kahului, and the Marie Hackfeld eighteen days to come from Honolulu. All the sugar boats had fair weather and every one of them sailed in. Consequently the captains of the various tugs that were outside looking for a job were more than angry when they saw the vessels sailing by them under full sail.

The Metha Nelson when she entered port completed her first round trip. She was built a year ago in Mendocino and was named after the wife of Captain Nelson. A few days after the schooner left port for Hawaii Mrs. Nelson died, and consequently the return of the vessel is a sad reminder to the owner of the schooner.

The barkentine Planter anchored off Folsom street wharf, but before her sails were clewed up she began to drift. Before the captain could take any precautions he was almost alongside of the British ship Lismore. Luckily his second anchor held, and the Planter was soon warped out of danger.

Latest Coast Charters.

Following are the latest charters from Pacific Coast ports to these islands:

Fresno, bark, 1,149 tons, now on the Sound, lumber thence to Honolulu; chartered by Pope & Tablot.

R. P. Rithet, Hawaiian bark, 1,026 tons, returns to Honolulu in the Planter's Line.

Alden Besse, bark, 813 tons, returns to Honolulu in the Oceanic Line.

C. D. Bryant, bark, 823 tons, returns to Honolulu in the Hawaiian Line.

Irmgard, barkentine, 615 tons, returns to Honolulu in the Hawaiian Line.

Queen, schooner, 264 tons, ballast to Mahukona, and sugar thence to this port; chartered by J. D. Spreckels & Bros. Co.

Ceylon, bark, 647 tons, lumber from Puget Sound to Honolulu; chartered by Renton, Holmes & Co.

S. N. Castle, barkentine, 465 tons, returns to Honolulu in the Oceanic Line.

Transit, schooner, 497 tons, returns to Honolulu in the Hawaiian Line.

Dalcairne, British ship, 1,700 tons, ballast from Oregon to Honolulu, and sugar thence to New York; chartered by J. D. Spreckels & Bros. Co.

Archer, bark, 845 tons, returns to Honolulu in the Planter's Line.

SUGGESTIVE FOR HAWAII.

Marie Antoinette's famous query, when informed that many of her subjects were without bread: "Why don't they eat cake?" suggests the response to the cry of the planters of the West Indies and of Guiana that they will be ruined unless the British Government shall take measures to increase the profitability of raising sugar. Why don't they raise something else? The

planters of Trinidad, who have just enthusiastically celebrated the one-hundredth anniversary of British rule over the island, have shown the complaining sugar planters a way out of their troubles. Instead of appealing to the Home Government for help, the planters of Trinidad have helped themselves by abandoning the policy of relying on a single staple. Instead of devoting all their energies to sugar, they have given as much, or more, attention to supplying the demand for cocoa. They have also done something with tobacco and cattle, and exported an enormous amount of coconuts. The result is that Trinidad is prosperous, while the other British colonies in tropical America are languishing for Government bounties. If sugar will not yield revenues sufficient to provide bread, let the sugar planters diversify their crops; and then they may be enabled to indulge in cake.—Philadelphia Record.

Honolulu Trade.

"A party of Seattle men interested in the establishment of a steamship line between the Sound and Honolulu, were in the city yesterday," says the Portland Oregonian, of March 30th, "looking over the field for freight. The Honolulu trade, which promised so much for Portland, is in a fair way to follow the Alaska trade, and a number of other enterprises, which were driven to the Sound because they found no welcome here."

VERTICAL WRITING.

The style of writing now known as the vertical originated as a system in Europe. And, strange to say, it was the product of hygienic rather than pedagogical investigation. Physicians seeking the causes of the increasing prevalence of defective sight and signal troubles traced them to sloping writing. Then followed experiments that led to the vertical system.

It was found that business men, noted for their rapid and legible writing, were forced to acquire a hand very different from that taught in schools. They held their pens differently, and wrote from a position at their desks other than that which they had been taught. A study of the specimens of these business hands showed that the writers had come back of the simple, round, Roman-like characters, which many teachers claimed as natural to young children. These business men sat immediately in front of their desks, their hands taking the most natural position. On these facts the system of vertical writing was based.

It has spread through England and Canada. And is required of all applicants for positions under the British Government. From Canada it came to the United States and is now employed to some degree in the public schools of many of the larger cities of the northern, eastern and southern states. In the New York and Boston public schools the privilege of choosing between several text books and systems selected by the board of commissioners is the principal cause of the school. As a result, both the sloping and vertical systems are taught in the public schools of these cities. Though a majority of the teachers and the teachers' union claim a fair trial favor the vertical. They claim that it is the easiest to read, the easiest to write, the most hygienic position, the most natural movement and the greatest rapidity.

The position required is with the body straight before the desk, and the copy set squarely in front of the writer. Both hands rest on the desk and the pen is held so that both points of the nib are used. The movement is of the fingers and not of the arm, as in the oblique system. Hence it is asserted that the effort is more natural and less fatiguing. It is also claimed that it is helped by the study and practice of shorthand and drawing, and the position and manner of holding the pen being the same.

A prominent teacher, principal of a public school in New York city, writes in a reputation for the excellence of its penmanship, when interviewed said:

"The vertical in my school is the result of no effort on my part. It is the result of the teachers' union, and the teachers' union is not interested in improving it materially. I visited other schools, questioned the teachers, all with the same result, namely, that it took so long and was so difficult to teach the average child to write legibly, I noticed that a child naturally makes round letters, and that the greatest fault teachers have to overcome is the child's unwillingness to keep the proper slant of its copy book and the required position. I began to think of the vertical system and determined to try it in some of the rooms. In a few months' time there was such a marked improvement that I required the teachers of every room to adopt it."—Rochester Post Express.

From indications already given, it is clear that this administration will embark in no policy of foreign adventure or territorial aggrandizement, whether in Hawaii or Cuba. For the present this Government has quite enough problems of domestic policy for solution without going abroad in quest of new and strange political speculations.—Philadelphia Record.

We've got the men, we've got the ships. At least we think we've got 'em. For to the hour of going to press, No more had hit the bottom.

—Indianapolis Journal.

WHARF AND WAVE.

The ship Henry Villard sailed for Hilo from Astoria March 31.

The U. S. S. Petrel, Wood commission, sailed for Honolulu on March 21st. She should be here in a week or so.

The American schooner Alice Cooke, Penhallow master, arrived in port late yesterday afternoon, 28 days from Port Townsend with a full cargo of lumber.

The pile driver was still at work yesterday trying to make an impression on the big rock that caused the stopping of the Mauna Loa a week ago today.

Besides the 134 rejected Japanese men and 35 women from the quarantine station, the Coptic took away yesterday the following: Chinese, 63 men; Japanese, 6 men and 2 women. One Chinaman was stopped on account of his debts.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 31.—The American manager of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha denies that the S. S. Sakura Maru, now due, left Yokohama without a bill of health, and will be detained in quarantine at Port Townsend, subject to a \$5,000 fine.

The American ship Iroquois, Taylor master, arrived in port late yesterday, 13 days from San Francisco, for the purpose of loading sugar for New York. Fine weather throughout the trip was experienced. Captain Taylor is accompanied by his wife, his two children and their governess.

The barkentine W. H. Dimond, Nilson master, arrived in port yesterday

morning, 15 days from San Francisco, with a cargo of 500 tons of general merchandise for Wm. G. Irwin & Co. She brought, in addition to this, 24 horses and two cows and a calf. The Dimond is at the Oceanic wharf.

The following vessels have sailed from San Francisco for ports on these islands: March 29, Am. schr. Muriel, for Honolulu; March 24, Am. bktnr, W. H. Dimond, for Honolulu; Am. brig, J. D. Spreckels, for Mahukona; March 25, Am. ship Iroquois, for Honolulu; March 30, Am. bark Albert, for Honolulu.

The O. & O. S. S. Coptic, Sealby commander, arrived in port at 1 p. m. yesterday, 6 days, 1 hour and 12 minutes from San Francisco, which port she left at 1:50 p. m. on April 1st. Had light variable winds and smooth seas, arriving as above. She brought 10 passengers for this port and has 164 in transit.

The Iwalani came in from Hamakua early yesterday morning with 4,500 bags of sugar for Wm. G. Irwin & Co. This was put aboard the ship Luzon at the Nuuanu street wharf. The Iwalani was forced to remain in Hamakua several days without doing any work, on account of the extremely rough weather. On Sunday an attempt was made to do some work, but the sheriff went down aboard the Iwalani and stopped operations. The Iwalani may go out again today.

The following vessels have arrived in San Francisco from ports on these islands: March 18, Haw. bark R. P. Rithet, 20 days from Honolulu; Am. schr. W. F. Jewett, 22 days from Kahului; March 20, Am. schr. John G. North, 17 days from Honolulu; March 21, Bktnr. Irmgard, 17 days from Honolulu; March 25, Ger. ship Marie Hackfeld, 18 days from Honolulu; Haw. bark Santiago, 14 days from Hilo; Am. schr. Metha Nelson, 19 days from Kahului; March 26, Am. bark S. C. Allen, 16 days from Honolulu; Am. bktnr. George C. Perkins, 16 days from Mahukona; Am. bktnr. Planter, 15 1/2 days from Kahului; March 27, Am. schr. Eva, 14 days from Kahului; March 28, Am. schr. Transit, 12 days from Honolulu; March 29, Am. bktnr. S. N. Castle, 13 days from Honolulu; Am. schr. Robert Levers, 14 days from Honolulu; Haw. schr. Honolulu, 20 days from Honolulu; March 30, City of Rio de Janeiro, 6 days, 12 hours from Honolulu; March 31, Am. brig Consuelo, 14 1/2 days from Mahukona.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.

Tuesday, April 6.

Stmr Iwalani, Gregory, from Hamakua.

Stmr Kaala, Mosher, from Oahu ports.

Stmr J. A. Cummins, Searle, from Oahu ports.

Stmr Noeau, Pederson, from Hamakua.

Wednesday, April 7.

Am ship Iroquois, Taylor, 13 days from San Francisco.

O. & O. S. S. Coptic, Sealby, from San Francisco.

Stmr Helena, Fitzgerald, from Hawaii.

Stmr James Makee, Tullett, from Kapaa.

Stmr Lehua, Nye, from Maui.

Stmr Kaala, Mosher, from Oahu ports.

Thursday, April 8.

Am bktnr W. H. Dimond, Nilson, from San Francisco.

Am schr Alice Cooke, Penhallow, from Port Townsend.

Stmr Waiialeale, Parker, from Kauai.

Stmr J. A. Cummins, Searle, from Oahu ports.

DEPARTURES.

Tuesday, April 6.

Stmr Kinau, Clarke, for Maui and Hawaii.

Stmr Claudine, Cameron, for Maui ports.

Stmr J. A. Cummins, Searle, for Oahu ports.

Stmr Kaala, Mosher, for Oahu ports.

Stmr W. G. Hall, Haglund, for Kauai ports.

Stmr Ke Au Hou, Thompson, for Atakuni.

Stmr Mikahala, Thompson, for Lahaina.

Wednesday, April 7.

O. & O. S. S. Australia, Houdlette, for San Francisco.

Stmr Iwalani, Gregory, for Lahaina, Honolulu and Kukuhae.

Stmr James Makee, Tullett, for Kapaa.

Stmr Noeau, Pederson, for Hanamakua.

Thursday, April 8.

O. & O. S. S. Coptic, Sealby, for Japan and China.

Stmr Kaala, Mosher, for Oahu ports.

Stmr Waiialeale, Parker, for Kauai.

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Stmr Lehua, Nye, for Laupahoehoe, Hakalau, Honoumuli and Pahukamuni.

Missionary packet Morning Star, Bray, for San Francisco.

Am bktnr Skagit, Robinson, for Puget Sound.

VESSLS LEAVING TODAY.

Am bark Highland Light, Lewis, for Puget Sound.

Ger bark Callao, Koster, for New York.

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

From Hamakua, per star Noeau, April 6.—W. S. Walker, Geo. Deacon, C. French and 60 on deck.

From Waimanalo, per stmr J. A. Cummins, April 6.—Mrs. Sherman.

From Kauai, per stmr James Makee, April 7.—Bishop of Panopolis and Mr. Pearson.

From San Francisco, per O. & O. S. S. Coptic, April 7.—M. S. Grinbaum, Mrs. M. S. Grinbaum, Through Yokohama: Geo. T. Knight, Mrs. Geo. T. Knight, A. De Block, G. Van Olden, G. Gevers Deynott, Mrs. J. M. Shotwell, Miss Grace Shotwell, F. G. Riggs, H. G. Riggs, W. Ferguson, C. V. Carroll, A. W. Schumacher, H. Windt, M.

Lamadrid, Sr., M. Lamadrid, Jr., Miss A. Doughaday, A. C. Bryer, F. E. Forrester, Leo Zener, S. Nishimura, A. A. Thomas, Mrs. L. B. A. Fluke, Miss Fluke, S. Asano, Jno. H. Catherwood, Robt. B. Greer, Rev. H. B. Price, Mrs. H. B. Price, E. R. Smith, Mrs. E. R. Smith and child, Rev. G. Hebed Jones, A. Adelsdorfer, F. E. Peabody, Peter Lee, Otis A. Poole, Wm. C. Thompson, Kobe, F. H. Loring, Mrs. F. H. Loring, John G. Kearsing, Shanghai; J. Samson, J. S. Pearson, E. Quackenbush, Hongkong; Capt. W. J. Bryan, Mrs. W. J. Bryan, R. J. Martinez Danson, Mrs. R. J. Martinez Danson, Heinrich Heyn, Herman Kobe, G. S. Beebe, Mrs. W. A. Nevills and maid, Henry Ryder, Jos. A. Sheldon, Miss Winnie Davenport.

Departures.

For Maui ports, per stmr Claudine, April 6.—G. P. Wilder, W. A. Wall, Captain McDonald, C. E. Klog, Mrs. Muller, Mrs. Sylvia, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. W. Larsen, W. Stibard, S. Stibard, Miss Brooks, Tong Chop and Aying.

For Kauai ports, per stmr W. G. Hall, April 6.—W. H. Rice, Jr., Mrs. W. H. Rice, Gaylor Wilcox, Elsie Wilcox, T. P. Severin, Mrs. Keame, Miss L. Miller, Master Harold Rice and Master Philip Rice.

For Maui and Hawaii, per stmr Kinau, April 6.—Vilcano, Miss Norcross, J. O. Henderson and wife, Miss Foster, Miss M. Foster, E. R. Stewart, wife and child, Way Bots, R. B. Croft, J. H. Boyd, A. B. Loebenstein, Theo. Wolff, A. Irwin, K. Nilsen, S. N. Sherin, D. T. Bailey, J. Greenwell, E. H. F. Wolter, Wm. Churchill, A. Haneberg, L. Asee, Mrs. Wong Chow and child, Miss Atkins, F. G. Douse.

For San Francisco, per O. & O. S. Australia, April 7.—Dr. Avery and wife, W. N. Armstrong, Miss E. Taylor, Miss Owens, Mrs. J. W. Winter, G. N. Webster and wife, Mrs. L. Marks and two children, J. N. Murdoch, J. D. McInerney, W. C. Parke, Mr. and Mrs. Chameon, Mrs. Brenham and child, Mrs. C. J. Ludwigen and daughter, Mrs. W. W. Hall, Mrs. J. T. Waterhouse and four children, J. L. Barker, Miss S. E. Pinder, D. E. Miles, Major and Mrs. H. A. Bartlett, Miss Hoffman, Miss H. Smith, Southard Hoffman, Jr., S. H. Boardman, Miss Newlands, Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Buckley, Dr. W. F. Chanling, H. S. Channing, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, George Grau and W. A. Kinney.

For Japan and China, per O. & O. S. S. Coptic, April 8.—Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Allen, Mr. Ralston, Miss Birnie, Ah Sum.

BORN.

PARKER.—In Honolulu, April 6, 1897, to the wife of Capt. Robert Parker, a son.

ROESCH.—In Honolulu, April 7, 1897, to the wife of Charles Roesch, a daughter.

DIED.

BANNISTER.—In Honolulu at Queen's Hospital, April 7, 1897, Caroline H. Bannister.

BY AUTHORITY.

SALE OF LEASE OF LOTS 10 AND 11, BLOCK "A," HILO, HAWAII.

On TUESDAY, May 18, 1897, at 12 o'clock noon at the front entrance of the Executive Building, Honolulu, Oahu, will be sold at public auction, the Lease of the following Government Lots, situate in Block "A," corner of Bridge and Shipman Streets, Hilo, Hawaii, viz:

Lot 10, Upset rental, \$240 per annum. Lot 11, Upset rental, \$180 per annum. Rent payable quarterly in advance. Term: Lease for 30 years.

This sale is upon the following conditions:

The purchaser of the leases shall, during the first four years of the term of the lease, cause to be erected upon each of these lots a fire-proof building or buildings of brick, stone or metal, in a workmanlike manner, satisfactory to the Minister of the Interior, at a cost of not less than \$7,500 on lot 10 and \$5,000 on lot 11, and shall keep the same suitably insured at not less than two-thirds of its value, for the benefit of the lessor; and shall keep such building in good repair during the remainder of the term of the lease, reasonable use and wear thereof only excepted; and in case of damage or destruction of such building by fire, shall make good such loss or damage by the necessary repairs or reconstruction or else surrender the insurance to the lessor. And further, that upon the request in writing by the lessee, or his representatives, before the expiration of the term thereof, the premises, with the improvements shall, if all the conditions to be performed by the lessee have been satisfactorily performed, be put up at auction for a lease for a term of not over twenty years, unless said premises shall be required for public uses, of which the lessee shall receive at least one year's notice. Such auction sale shall be held not more than six months nor less than one month before the expiration of said term.

Map showing the above lots can be seen at the Interior Department, Honolulu, and at the office of A. B. Loebenstein, Hilo, Hawaii.

J. A. KING, Minister of the Interior.

Interior Office, April 8, 1897. 1897-3t

The Board of Registration for Maui, Molokai, Lanai and Kahoolawe will hold a meeting for the registering of voters at Hana Post Office during Thursday, April 15, 1897, and will continue.

time to hold adjourned meetings in Hana District (at Hana, Hamoa, Kipahulu, Kaupo, etc.) for so long as it shall be necessary.

FREDERIC W. HARDY, A. N. KEPOKAI, F. WITTROCK, 1852-5t MAUI, April 3, 1897.

MRS. WAHINE KAUU, has this day been appointed Pound Mistress for the Government Pound at Kalapaki, District of Lihue, Island of Kauai, vice S. Kaku, deceased.

J. A. KING, Minister of the Interior. Interior Office, April 3, 1897. 1852-3t

PUBLIC LANDS NOTICE.

Kaupo, Maui.

On Saturday, May 1st, 12 o'clock noon, at front entrance of Judiciary Building, Honolulu, will be sold lot of land in Nuuanu, Kaupo, containing 7 acres, a little more or less.

Upset price: \$30.00.

Terms: Cash. U. S. Gold Coin.

Opihihali, South Kona.

At the same time and place will be sold the lease of tract of land in Opihihali, South Kona, containing 145 acres.

Term of lease: 10 years.

Upset rental: \$100 per annum, payable semi-annually in advance.

For further information, apply at Public Lands Office, Honolulu, or of the respective sub-agents of the land districts.

J. F. BROWN, Agent Public Lands.

Dated Honolulu, March 30, 1897. 1851-td

PUBLIC LANDS NOTICE.

On Saturday, April 10th, 1897, at 12 o'clock noon, at front entrance of the Judiciary Building, Honolulu, will be sold a portion of the Government tract of Kapahulu, on the southside of Leahi, or Diamond Head, containing an area of 3 1/2-100 acres.

Terms: Cash, U. S. Gold.

Upset Price: \$350.00.

For further particulars apply at the Public Lands Office, Honolulu.

J. F. BROWN, Agent of Public Lands.

Public Lands Office, Honolulu, March 12th, 1897. 1847-td

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE First Circuit, Hawaiian Islands, In Probate. In the matter of the Estate of Kong Leong, late of Honoupa, Hawaii, deceased, intestate.

Petition having been filed by W. Protehauer, agent of H. Hackfeld & Co., bona fide creditors of said estate, praying that Letters of Administration upon said estate be issued to him, notice is hereby given that Thursday, the 22nd day of April, A. D. 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m., in the Judiciary Building, Honolulu, is appointed the time and place for hearing said petition, when and where all persons concerned may appear and show cause, if any they have, why said petition should not be granted.

Honolulu, March 22, A. D. 1897. By the Court: P. D. KELLET, JR., Clerk. 1849-3UP

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF INTENTION TO FORECLOSE AND OF SALE.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage, dated the 25th day of June, 1891, made by Charles Lehmann and Johana Lehmann, his wife, of Honolulu, Oahu, to Paul Lemke, of Honolulu, Oahu, recorded in the Register of Office, Oahu, in Liber 131, on Pages 208 and 209, notice is hereby given that the mortgagee intends to foreclose the same for condition broken, to-wit: Non-payment of interest when due.

Notice is likewise given that after the expiration of three weeks from the date of this notice, the property conveyed by said mortgage will be sold at public auction, at the auction rooms of James F. Morgan, in Honolulu, on Saturday, May 8th, at 12 o'clock noon of said day.

Further particulars can be had of A. S. HUMPHREYS, Attorney.

Dated Honolulu, April 5, 1897.

The premises covered by said mortgage consist of:

That certain piece or parcel of land situate on Punchbowl street, Honolulu, and known as Lot 4, by survey of M. D. Monsarrat, dated January 8, 1891, and more particularly described by metes and bounds in the deed of John Magoon to me, and containing an area of 5,852 square feet, being a portion of Royal Patent Grant No. 2453, together with all buildings and appurtenances thereon. 1852-td